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THE

CASE

OF

JOHN COLLINS, Esq;

Governour of *Newfoundland*,

JAN. 21. 1711.

By Captain Joſeph Taylour, *Commander of Her mander in Chief of all Her Majeſty's*

TO

JOHN COLLINS, *Eſq; hereby appointed Governour and Comman* John's, *and all the Sea-Coaſts between* Ferr

BY Vertue of the Power given me by Her Majeſty, I do hereby Conſtitu Commander in Chief of the Fort and Harbour of *St. John's in Newfoundland*, Willing and Requiring You forthwith to Take upon you the ſai Charge Others, to be Obedient to You, as their Governour : And You are to take care to keep good Order and Diſcipline amongſt thoſe under your Command, and pel them to bring their Proviſion there. And, for your better Securi and Gua Impower'd to make as many Captains, Lieutenants, Enſigns, and Infe our Offi Majeſty's Service.

Given under my Hand and Seal, on board Her Majeſty's Ship Litch *Day of* October, 1709.

To the QUEEN's Moſt Excel

The humble Petition of John Collins, *Eſq; Your Majeſty's preſent Go*

SHEWETH,

THAT about *December* 1708, the ſaid Fort was ſurpriz'd by the *French*, and therein, at which Time Your Petitioner being Commander of *the Militia*, r of the ſaid Garriſon, with great Hazard of his Life, the two neareſt Perſons to Town being altogether defenceleſs, and under the Garriſon, Your Petitioner the reſt of the Inhabitants, and to pay a conſiderable Ranſom; after which, he to his great Prejudice, ſeveral Months before he was permitted to return.

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WE Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects inhabiting Your Provin

er of Her Majesty's Ship Litchfield, *and Com-*
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and Commander in Chief of the Fort and Harbour of St.
between Ferryland *and* Carbonere *Island.*

o hereby Constitute and Appoint You, until further Order, Governour and
in Newfoundland, and all the Sea-Coasts between *Ferryland* and *Carbonere* Island,
he said Charge and Command, Requiring all Officers, Inhabitants, and
are to take care to Secure and Defend the said Fort against the Enemy, and
Command, and to Order all the Inhabitants into the said Fort, and to Com-
Security and Guard of the said Fort and Harbour of *St. John's*, You are hereby
nd Inferiour Officers, as You find necessary, and to do what is further for Her

Majesty's Ship Litchfield, *in the Harbour of* St. John's, Newfoundland, *the Sixth*

JOSEPH TAYLOUR.

's Most Excellent MAJESTY.

sty's present Governour of St. John's *Fort in* Newfoundland, *&c.*

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WE Your Majeſty's moſt Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, Merchants and M Inhabitants of that Place in their Addreſs to Your Majeſty, in the Behal niſſion humbly recommending him to Your moſt Gracious Favour to be conf eceſſary Expence he has been at in repairing and defending Your Majeſty's Fort

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